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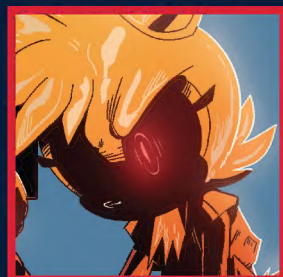
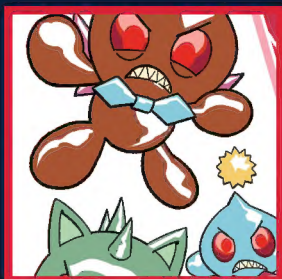
## STORY SO FAR

Not so long ago, Dr. Eggman went missing. After plenty of searching, Sonic the Hedgehog and his friends found the doctor, living a new life, with a new name, and no memory of his past. They left him to his peaceful existence to deal with another threat, having no idea that they weren't the only ones searching for him.

Dr. Starline, Dr. Eggman's would-be apprentice, found him and restored him to his evil self. And together they unleashed something disastrous. Dr. Eggman's Metal Virus is capable of infecting living organic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to his command. Countless victims have been infected, including Sonic himself, and many of his allies.

The zombots have ousted the Restoration from their Headquarters. They have brought down the facilities Tails would need to manufacture a cure. The virus has evolved so they no longer respond to Dr. Eggman's commands. With Tangle the Lemur and her hometown of Spiral Hill Village having fallen, there is no where left to hide. Sonic, what's left of the Restoration forces, and as many uninfected as they can carry are retreating to Angel Island in hopes of a last refuge.

And Dr. Starline has developed a plan to control the zombots. But he'll need Sonic and Dr. Eggman's old enemies, the Deadly Six, to do it...







**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.  
Fastest Thing Alive.



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**

Tech-savvy Sidekick.  
High-flying genius.



**CREAM THE RABBIT**

Gentle Heroine.  
Still in shock.



**ESPIO THE CHAMELEON**

Ninja and Only Detective.  
Chaotix Detective Agency.



**WHISPER THE WOLF**

Silent Sniper.  
Variable-wispon master.



**AMY ROSE**

Hammer-swinging Heroine.  
Restoration Organizer.



**GEMERL**

Reformed Robot.  
Cream's protector.



**KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA**

Guardian of the Master Emerald.  
Angel Island's protector.



**DR. EGGMAN**

Mad Genius.  
Eggman Empire.



**DR. STARLINE**

Aspiring Villain.  
Eggman Empire.



**METAL SONIC**

Loyal Minion.  
Eggman Empire.



**DEADLY SIX**

Other-worldly Adversaries.  
Zavok, Zor, Zeena, Zomom, Zazz, and Master Zik.



ANGEL  
ISLAND.

A FLYING PARADISE HIDDEN  
IN THE CLOUDS, KEPT  
ALOFT BY THE POWER OF  
THE MASTER EMERALD.

ITS LOCATION IS  
SECRET TO ALL BUT A  
SELECT FEW, INCLUDING  
ITS SOLE RESIDENT...

...KNUCKLES.

THAT  
LOOKS  
LIKE...

...A  
RESTORATION  
SHUTTLE?

WHUD





**SONIC?!**

HEY  
KNUX.



WHY DO  
YOU LOOK  
LIKE METAL  
SONIC?

LONG STORY.  
STAY BACK--I  
DIDN'T WANT TO LAND  
ON THE GRASS,  
JUST IN CASE.



WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH MY  
GRASS?!

NOTHING.  
JUST...  
LOOK, AMY  
AND TAILS  
WILL  
EXPLAIN.

I  
GOTTA  
GET BACK  
UP TO  
SPEED.



THEY BETTER! I  
WANT ANSWERS!

**WHOSH**

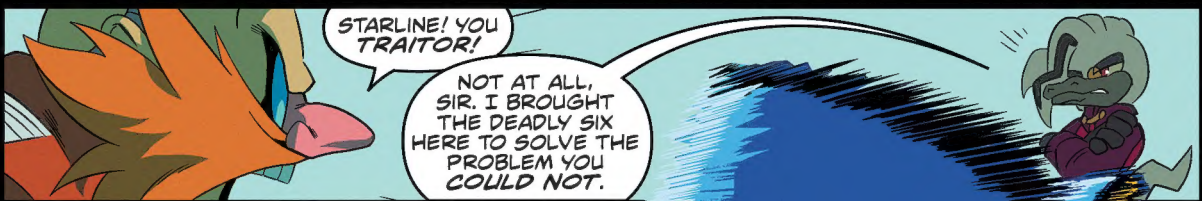


EVEN  
THOUGH I  
GET THE  
FEELING I  
WON'T LIKE  
THEM...





MEANWHILE--ABOARD  
EGGMAN'S FLAGSHIP,  
THE FACESHIP...



STARLINE! YOU  
TRAITOR!

NOT AT ALL,  
SIR. I BROUGHT  
THE DEADLY SIX  
HERE TO SOLVE THE  
PROBLEM YOU  
COULD NOT.



I'LL DEAL  
WITH YOU  
LATER! METAL  
SONIC!  
DESTROY FOR  
DADDY!





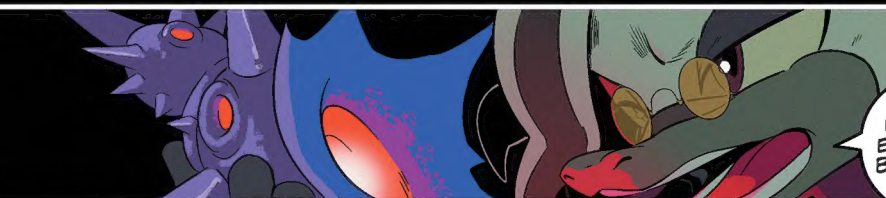
TSK  
TSK

HONESTLY,  
DOCTOR.  
YOU KNOW WE  
CAN CONTROL  
YOUR ROBOTS.  
AND YET YOU  
SEND ONE TO  
ATTACK?



PRECISELY  
WHY I BROUGHT  
YOU HERE.

YOU SIX WILL  
KEEP THE ZOMBOTS  
UNDER CONTROL WHILE  
EGGMAN RESEARCHES A  
BETTER WAY TO CONTAIN  
THE METAL VIRUS.



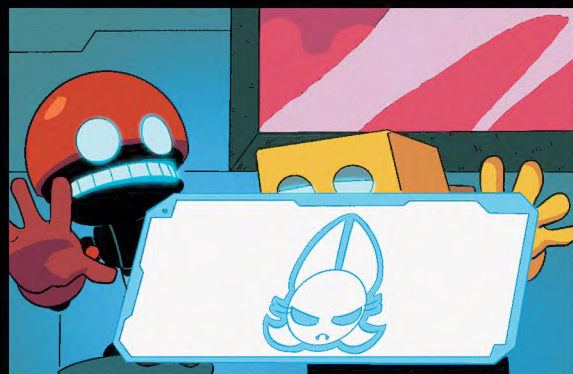
YOU SEE,  
DOCTOR? I AM  
MAKING UP FOR  
YOUR LACK OF  
FORESIGHT  
WITH...

...EXCUSE  
ME.

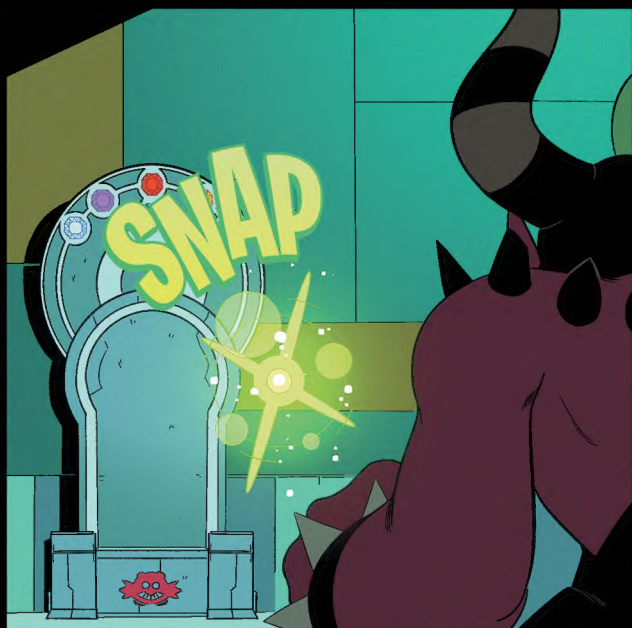


BW  
OOO  
OW













WE'VE  
LOST EGGMAN,  
BUT WE GAINED  
HIS FLYING  
FORTRESS.

WE TOOK  
HIS MEANS  
TO CREATE THE  
METAL VIRUS. AND  
PERHAPS MOST  
IMPORTANT OF  
ALL...

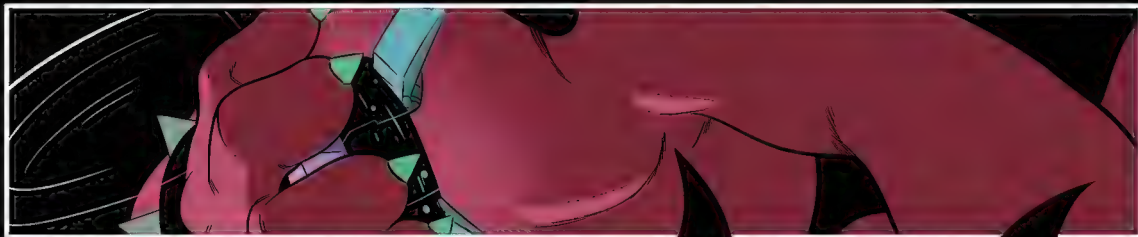
...WE HAVE  
THE FABLED  
CHAOS  
EMERALDS!



HUZ-ZAH.  
SO WHAT DO  
WE DO WITH  
THEM?

THEY'RE  
SO... SHINY  
AND BEAUTIFUL.  
UGH. I CAN'T  
STAND THEM.

BUT THEIR  
POWER'S  
IRREFUTABLE.



LIKE ALL  
THINGS, WE  
TAKE THEIR  
POWER AS  
OUR OWN.





BRAVO!  
A-PLUS PLAN,  
NEW BOSS!

WHAT ARE  
YOU *DOING*?!



SAVING OUR  
SERVOS, DUMMY!  
PLAY ALONG SO HE  
DOESN'T TAKE  
CONTROL OF US!

SO...  
LIKE MOST  
DAYS?

OH! I GET IT!  
WE'RE ONLY  
*PRETENDING* TO  
LIKE HIS EVIL,  
CRAZY PLAN!

PRECISELY!  
JUST ACT LIKE  
HE'S EGGMAN  
WHEN HE'S IN  
ONE OF HIS  
MOODS.



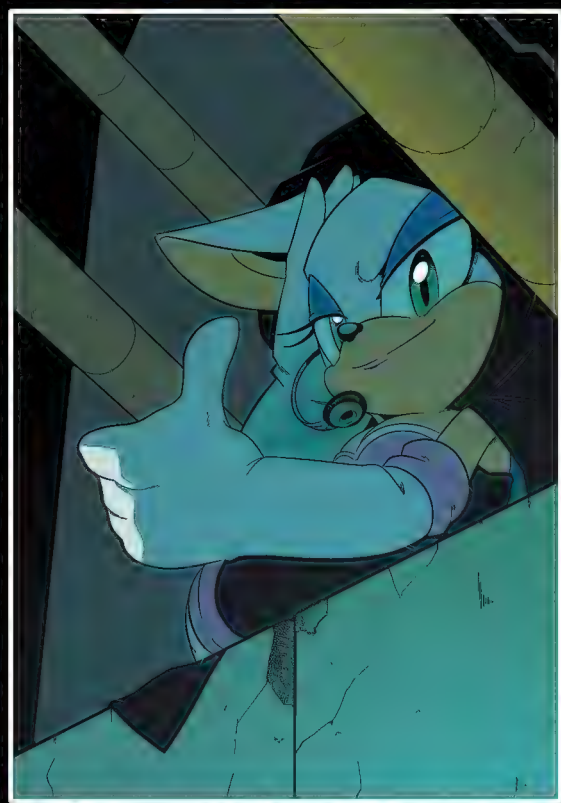
YOU WOULD  
SERVE ME  
FREELY?

OF COURSE,  
NEW BOSS. WE  
REALLY ARE  
QUITE SPINELESS,  
BOTH LITERALLY  
AND  
FIGURATIVELY.




HA! THEN TAKE  
US TOWARDS THE  
LARGEST KNOWN  
POCKETS OF  
SURVIVORS.

AS YOU  
COMMAND, I'LL  
BE SURE TO LOG  
YOUR ORDERS SO  
YOU'RE ALL *WELL-  
COORDINATED*,  
TOO.







VERY WELL  
THEN. LET'S  
BEGIN.

ALONE, EACH  
OF US COULD  
COMMAND A FEW  
DOZEN ZOMBOTS  
AT MOST.


EMPOWERED  
BY THE EMERALDS,  
WE'LL COMMAND  
THOUSANDS.



"STARLINE HAD THE  
RIGHT OF IT. WE  
WILL COMMAND THE  
ZOMBOT HORDE.



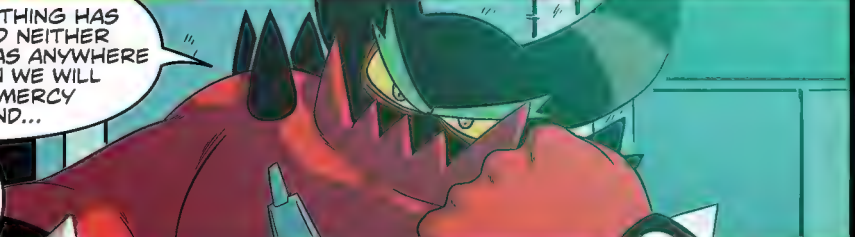
"INSTEAD OF  
RANDOM, SHAMBLING  
MASSES, WE WILL  
ORCHESTRATE TIDES  
OF TERROR ACROSS  
THE WORLD.



"WE WILL BRING  
TOTAL, *UTTER*  
DEVASTATION  
TO THE WORLD  
EGGMAN AND  
SONIC HAVE  
FOUGHT OVER  
FOR SO LONG."

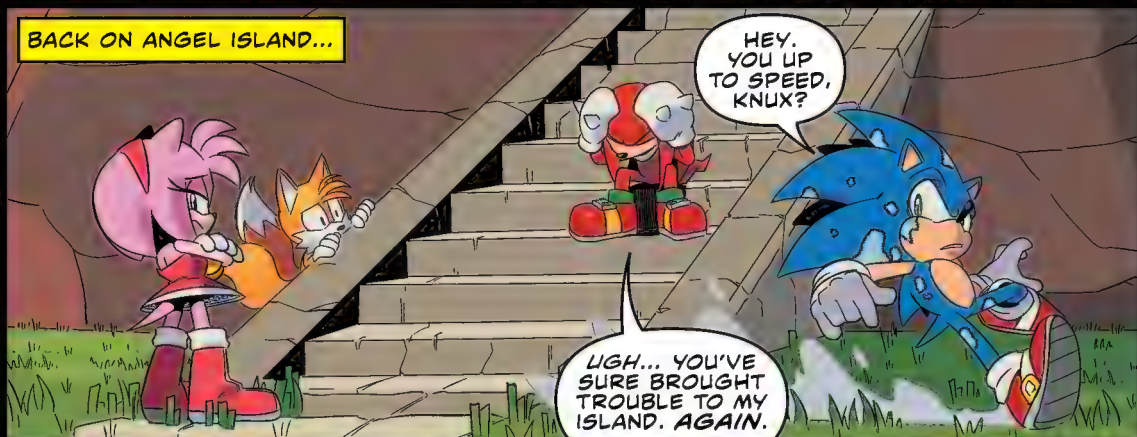
ONCE EVERY LIVING THING HAS  
BEEN INFECTED, AND NEITHER  
EGGMAN NOR SONIC HAS ANYWHERE  
LEFT TO RUN, THEN WE WILL  
GIVE THEM THE MERCY  
OF A SLOW END...

...BY THE  
CORRUPTED  
MASSES THEY  
SOUGHT TO CONQUER  
OR PROTECT!





BACK ON ANGEL ISLAND...



HEY.  
YOU UP  
TO SPEED,  
KNUX?

UGH... YOU'VE  
SURE BROUGHT  
TROUBLE TO MY  
ISLAND. AGAIN.



OH, THANK  
HEAVENS!  
WE'RE OUT OF  
RANGE OF  
ZAVOK'S  
CONTROL!

AND IN  
EVEN WORSE  
TROUBLE.



HOLD  
ON, AMY.

WHAT?!  
SONIC, AFTER  
ALL HE'S  
DONE, YOU  
CAN'T--!

EGGMAN  
HAS HAD EVERY  
ADVANTAGE.



WHY WOULD  
HE COME TO US  
WITHOUT HIS ARMY?  
HIS EGG MOBILE?  
HIS ANYTHING?  
SOMETHING  
HAPPENED. HE'S  
GOING TO GIVE US A  
STRAIGHT ANSWER.  
OR I'LL INFECT  
HIM MYSELF.

PEA-BRAIN  
LET THE DEADLY  
SIX ONTO THE  
FACESHIP. THEY  
TOOK OVER  
EVERYTHING!

A GOOD IDEA!  
JUST... LACKING  
IN EXECUTION...



WHY SHOULD WE  
TRUST A SINGLE  
WORD EITHER OF  
YOU SAY?

EVERYONE!  
I JUST GOT  
WORD FROM  
ROUGE!  
HURRY!



SOON...



GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU, ROUGE!

EGGMAN, STARLINE, AND METAL SONIC JUST APPEARED ON ANGEL ISLAND.

AH, FIGURES.

Turns out Eggman was powering his ship with all seven Chaos Emeralds. Zavok has distributed them to the rest of the Deadly Six and sent them out into the world.

With that kind of power, the world is in **serious** trouble.

EXACTLY HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ON MY SHIP?

A FEW DAYS. I ALMOST HAD A PLAN TO STEAL THE EMERALDS WHEN THE DEADLY SIX ARRIVED.

NOW I'M COORDINATING WITH ORBOT TO SPY ON THEIR DEPLOYMENTS AND COORDINATE OUR COUNTER-ATTACK.

SIGH I CAN'T HIRE GOOD HELP, BUT I SURE CAN BUILD IT.

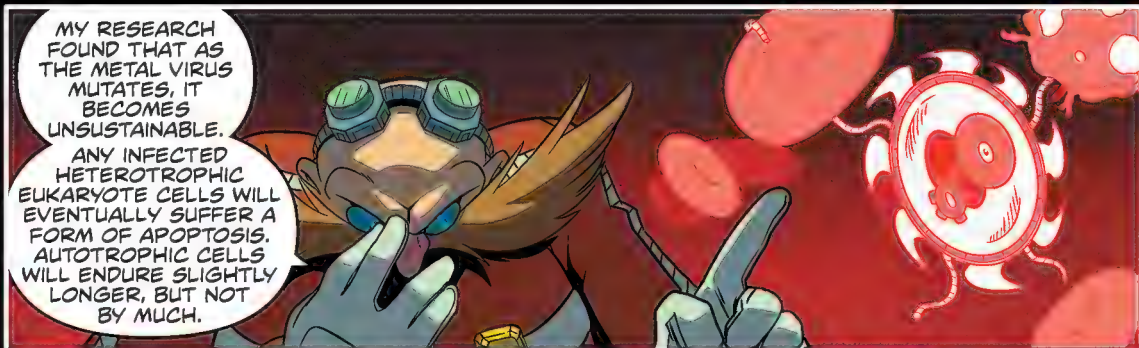
YOU DON'T GET TO GLOAT! TELL US HOW TO CURE THE METAL VIRUS RIGHT NOW!

YOU CAN'T!

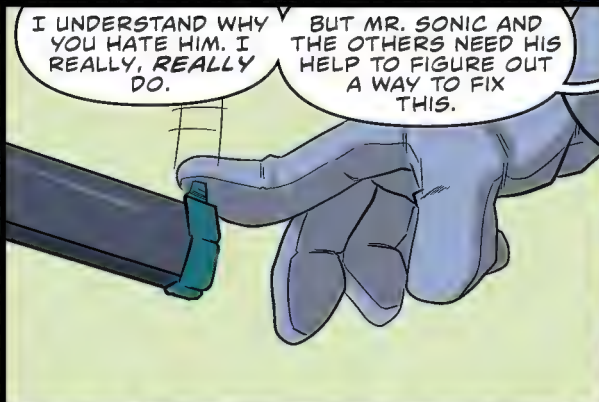
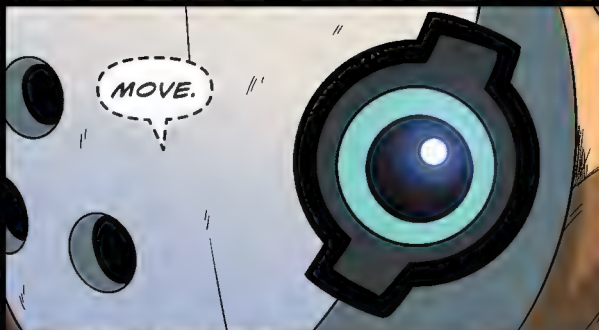
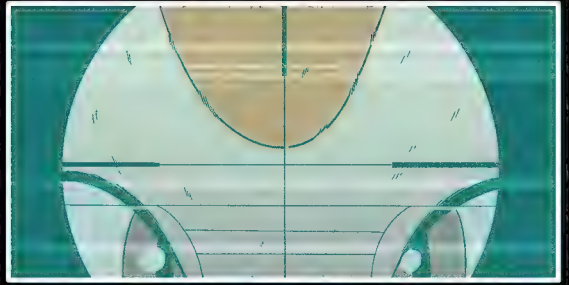
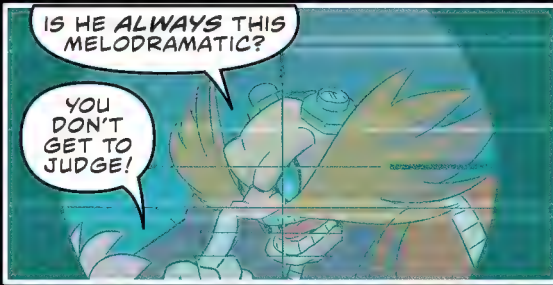
YES, YOU CAN! I HAD A CURE BUT LOST MY RESEARCH!

FINE! I DON'T HAVE ONE! I DON'T NEED IT!

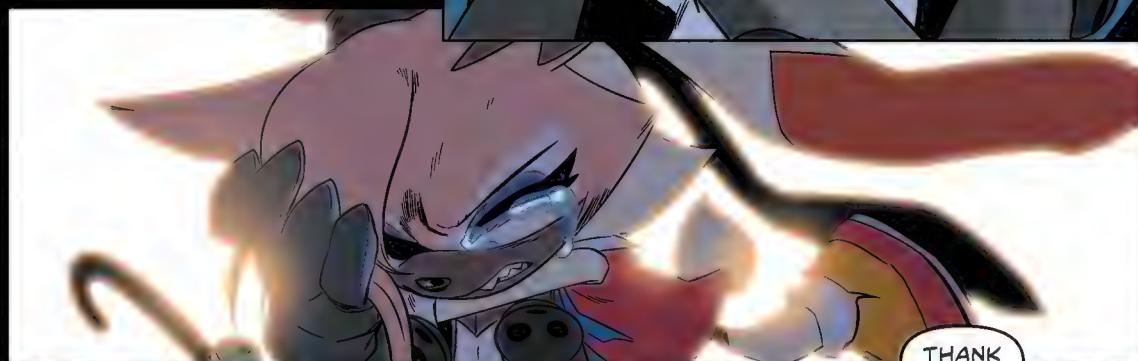
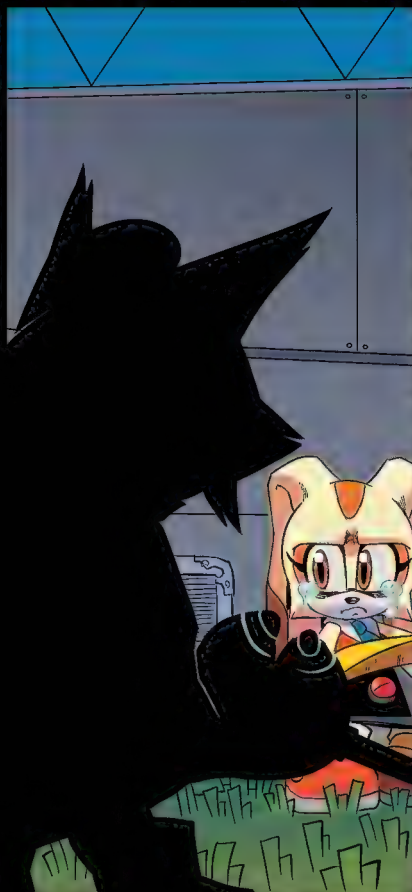












THANK  
YOU.



I AM NOT  
LONELY. I AM  
ENRAGED.

WE'LL  
STAY WITH  
YOU SO YOU  
WON'T BE  
LONELY.



SOON...

OKAY, SO WE DON'T HAVE A WAY TO MAKE A CURE. THINK, PEOPLE. BECAUSE I'M RUNNING ON FUMES HERE.

LET'S TACKLE THE ISSUE IN MANAGEABLE PORTIONS. PERHAPS THE MASTER EMERALD COULD NEUTRALIZE THE DEADLY SIX?

NO, WE CAN'T MOVE IT WITHOUT RISKING THE WHOLE ISLAND, AND WE CERTAINLY CAN'T LURE THEM HERE. IT'S TOO MUCH OF A GAMBLE.

AND YOU'RE NOT TOUCHING IT.

PERHAPS CHAOS CONTROL, THEN?

SHADOW WAS MUCH BETTER AT IT THAN ME. AND IT ONLY MOVES A TARGET OVER A LIMITED RANGE. IT CAN'T CHANGE THINGS.

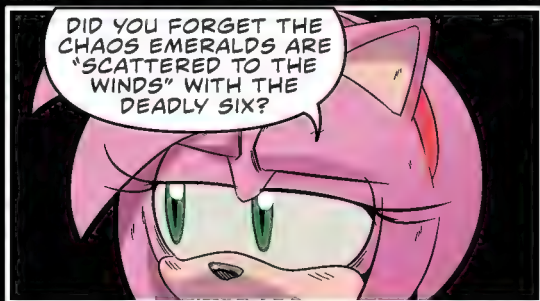
BUT MAYBE IF YOU WERE SUPER SONIC! COULD IT WORK THEN?

I DON'T THINK SO. BEING SUPER SONIC MEANS THE CHAOS EMERALDS GIVE ME UNLIMITED POWER, BUT I CAN'T JUST DO ANYTHING WITH IT.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE SCATTERED TO THE WINDS WITH THE DEADLY SIX?

ONE THING AT A TIME. I DON'T HEAR YOU COMING UP WITH ANY BRIGHT IDEAS.

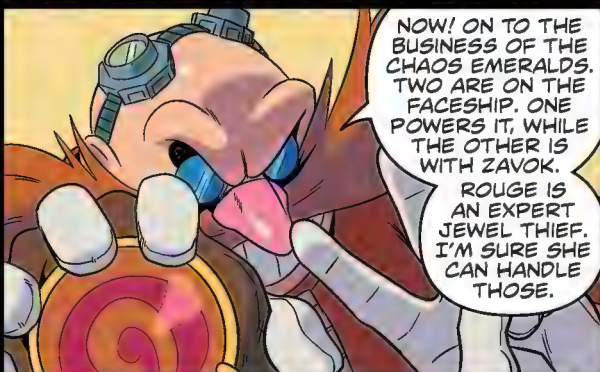
















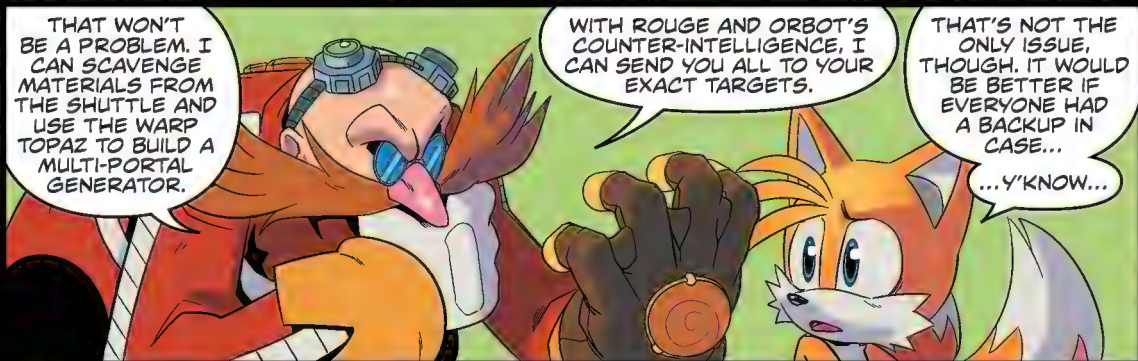
THAT LEAVES FIVE OF THE DEADLY SIX TO DEAL WITH. FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS ON THEIR OWN, BUT NOW EMPOWERED BY THE CHAOS EMERALDS...

SO? WE STILL HAVE EACH OTHER. WE'LL OVERWHELM THEM ONE AT A TIME.



ROUGE SAID THEY WERE ALL NETWORKED THROUGH THE FACESHIP, THOUGH. IF ONE MANAGES TO WARN THE OTHERS, THAT'S IT.

SO WE HAVE TO HIT THEM ALL AT ONCE. HMM...



THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM. I CAN SCAVENGE MATERIALS FROM THE SHUTTLE AND USE THE WARP TOPAZ TO BUILD A MULTI-PORTAL GENERATOR.

WITH ROUGE AND ORBOT'S COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE, I CAN SEND YOU ALL TO YOUR EXACT TARGETS.

THAT'S NOT THE ONLY ISSUE, THOUGH. IT WOULD BE BETTER IF EVERYONE HAD A BACKUP IN CASE...

...Y'KNOW...



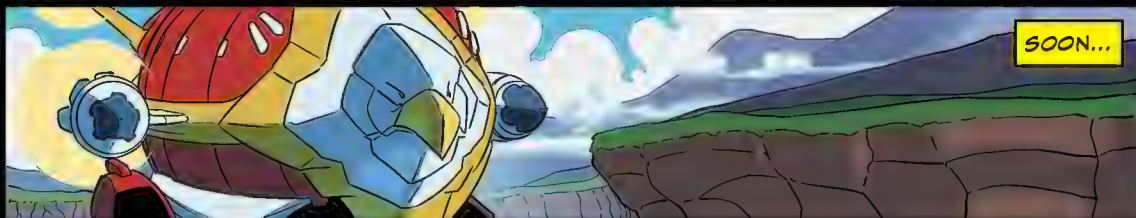
YEAH, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH FIGHT I'VE GOT LEFT IN ME. AS SUPER SONIC I'LL BE FINE, BUT RIGHT NOW...?



I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET ME MAKE A CALL!

"CALL?" WHO'S LEFT TO ASK FOR HELP?





SOON...



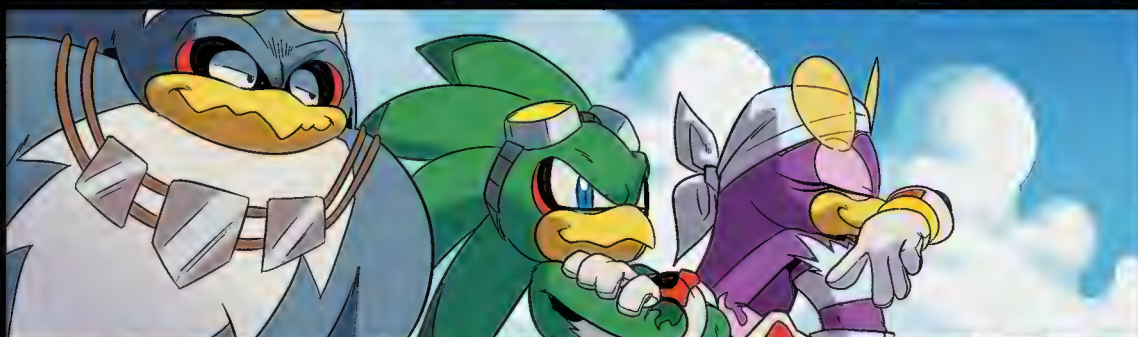




JET... I GET IT. YOU'VE GOT AN IMAGE TO MAINTAIN. YOUR OWN WAY OF DOING THINGS. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU. I **NEED** YOUR HELP, JET.



AND THE WORLD NEEDS THE **LEGENDARY WIND MASTER.**



WELL IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHO AM I TO DENY THE WORLD THEIR SAVIOR?

COME ON! TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO THAT SONIC CAN'T!



DON'T WORRY. I WON'T TELL KNUCKLES.

EH, MY EGO'S BEEN TAKING A BEATING FOR DAYS.

I NEED TO GO FOR A RUN, BUT I'LL BE BACK FOR DEPLOYMENT.



RIVERSIDE.

HOPEFULLY WE CAN END THIS BEFORE IT GETS TOO MUCH WORSE.

WOO-HA-HA-HA!

THAT'S RIGHT! TEAR IT ALL DOWN! LEAVE NOTHIN' STANDING!

OOH! TRYIN' TO HIDE? WELL TOO BAD! BEAT THE METAL VIRUS INTO 'EM!

VISTA VIEW.

THIS IS BARELY A SNACK!

I-IT'S ALL W-WE HAVE LEFT IN TOWN...

NO! WAIT! I CAN--  
AHHH!

IT'S SIMPLE! I'M HUNGRY! FEED ME OR I FEED YOU TO THE ZOMBOTS!

NOW GET COOKIN'!



ORCHARDVILLE.

NOTHING  
ELSE QUITE  
PLEASES ME AS  
AN UNANSWERED  
MERCY PLEA

THE CRYING,  
SCREAMING,  
FRANTIC WAILS  
AS ALL LIGHT OF  
HOPE FLICKERS  
AND FAILS.

OOOH... A  
HEROIC FINAL  
STAND? HOW  
POINTLESS.

GATHER 'ROUND THEM,  
TAKE THE CHILDREN AWAY,  
HE WILL WATCH, THEY  
ALL SHALL PAY.

SUNSET CITY.

UGH--THIS  
IS ALL THIS  
TOWN HAS TO  
OFFER? IT WAS  
A WASTELAND  
BEFORE I EVEN  
GOT HERE.

YOU. WHY ISN'T  
THE SHOPPING  
HERE ANY  
BETTER?

I... U/M...  
NOTHING CAN  
SUIT SOMEONE  
AS RADIANT  
AS YOU?

MMM--GOOD  
ANSWER! I'LL  
SPARE YOU FOR  
ANOTHER HOUR.  
AS FOR THE  
REST OF  
YOU...?

**PRAISE  
ZEENA!**



WINTERBURG.

FORWARD,  
MY MINIONS!  
LET NO HEARTBEAT  
GO UNNOTICED!  
LET NO WARM  
BREATH BE  
UNPUNISHED!

THE INVASION  
GOES WELL,  
ZAVOK. I CAN  
SEE THE VIRUS  
SPREADING  
THROUGH THE  
FORESTS BEYOND.  
I DARE SAY THIS  
CONTINENT WILL  
BE FULLY  
CONVERTED IN A  
FEW DAYS.

PROFICIENCY  
I COULD ONLY  
EXPECT FROM  
YOU, MASTER.

IS THERE  
MORE YOU  
CAN BE DOING?

I ASSURE  
YOU, I AM NOT  
RESTING ON MY  
LAURELS, MASTER.  
I WILL SEE TO IT  
WE'VE INFECTED  
EVERYTHING FROM  
COAST TO COAST  
BY TONIGHT...

"...TOMORROW--  
THE WORLD!"

**NEXT TIME:  
RETALIATION!**



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# LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! The world?! Zavok's gone mad with power... Sonic and crew will have to find a cure quick if they don't want to be zombots! Thank you for joining **Ian Flynn**, **Adam Bryce Thomas**, **Matt Herms**, and **Shawn Lee** in "A Sudden Shift". Now, before Zavok takes over the world, check out this awesome comic by Sonic fan **JT Foster**!







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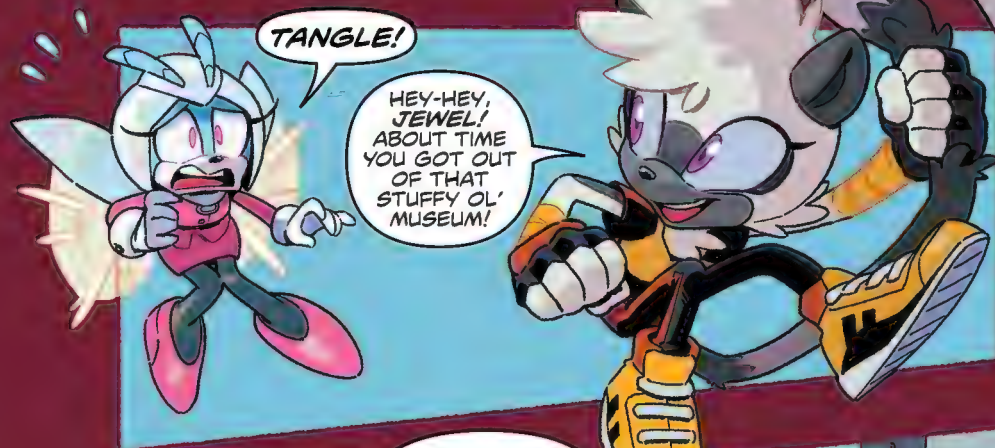


C'MON  
EVERYONE!  
IT'S A  
GORGEOUS  
DAY!

RACE YA  
AROUND THE  
VILLAGE!  
ANYONE!  
EVERYONE!

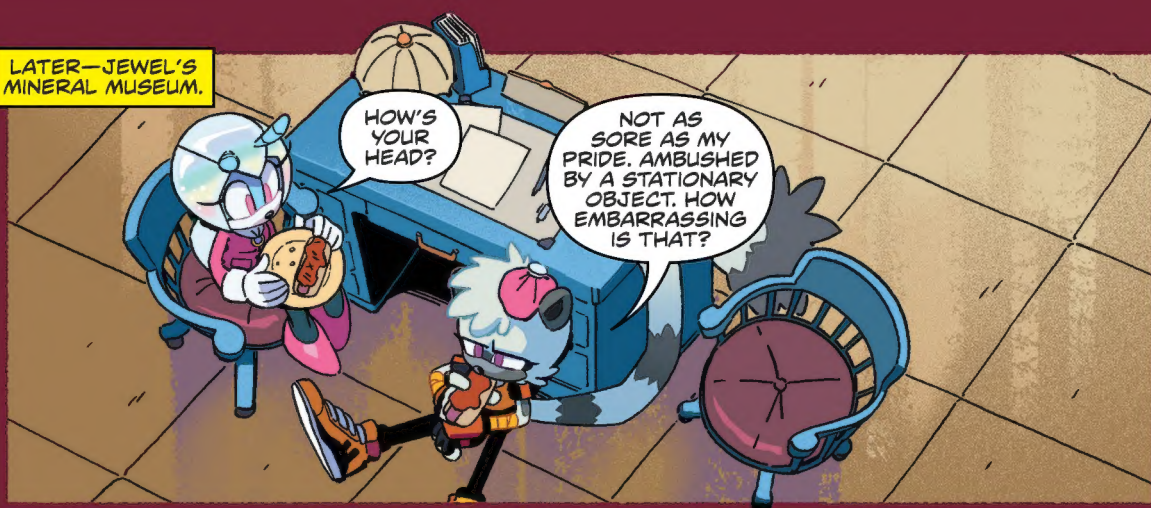








LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.







AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?



I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S TEMPTING, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?

EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.\*

IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

\*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4.



AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?

THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.











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